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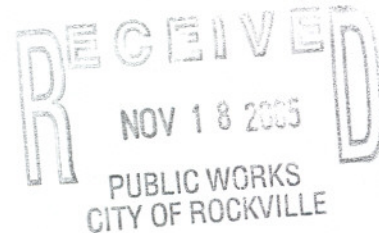
MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

Thomas W. Carr, Jr.
Fire Chief

November 7, 2005

Mr. John Holiday, Civil Engineer II
Rockville City Government
Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850



Dear Mr. Holiday:

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is concerned about the installation of the proposed pedestrian/bike path along Hungerford Drive in front of Fire Station 3. The pedestrian/bike path may compromise the safety of the pedestrians and bicyclists when crossing in front of Fire Station 3. Rockville Fire Station 3 is an extremely active station that responds to multiple daily and evening incidents. Fire, rescue and EMS vehicles will be required to cross this proposed path numerous times during the day and evening hours.

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service feels that the proposed location and width of the pedestrian/bike path on Hungerford Drive in front of Fire Station 3 may compromise the safety of the public. The Fire and Rescue driver operators of the fire, rescue and EMS units will have a limited line of sight for the pedestrians and or the bicyclists using the path. Therefore, it is our opinion that alternatives for the construction of the pedestrian/bike path must be considered to preserve the safety of the public and the fire and rescue personnel.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. Should there be any questions, please contact Division Chief Richie Bowers at 240-777-2485.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Carr, Jr.
Fire Chief

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